

CLAIMS

1. A vector containing a DNA sequence comprising the promoter, enhancer and substantially complete 5'-untranslated region including the first intron of the hCMV-MIE gene.
- 5 2. A vector according to claim 1 wherein the vector includes a restriction site for insertion of a heterologous gene.
3. A vector containing a DNA sequence comprising the promoter, enhancer and substantially complete 5'-untranslated region including the first intron of the hCMV-MIE gene upstream of a heterologous gene.
- 10 4. A vector according to Claim 3 wherein the hCMV-MIE DNA is linked directly to the DNA coding sequence of a heterologous gene.
- 15 5. A vector according to Claim 4 wherein the hCMV-MIE DNA includes a translation initiation signal.
6. A host cell transfected with a vector according to any of the preceeding claims.
7. A process for the production of a heterologous polypeptide by culturing a host cell according to Claim 6.
- 20 8. The use of a DNA sequence comprising the promoter, enhancer and substantially complete 5'-untranslated region including the first intron of the hCMV-MIE gene for expression of a heterologous gene.
- 25 9. The use of a DNA sequence according to Claim 8 wherein the hCMV-MIE derived DNA is linked directly to the coding sequence of the heterologous gene.
10. Plasmids pCMGS, pEE6.hCMV and pHT.1

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